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SUBJECT: CAT HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING

I MET WITH MENDELEVICH LATE THIS AFTERNOON. I TOLD HIM THAT AT THE LAST ROUND, WE WERE LOOKING FOR A JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS AND IMPORTANCE OF OUR ENTERPRISE, BUT THAT THIS TIME WE WERE SEEKING PRIVATE CONCRETE SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS ON RESTRAINT. SPECIFICALLY, I SAID THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO REACH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM ON THE POLITICAL/LEGAL AND MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA WITH A VIEW TOWARD REACHING FORMAL AGREEMENT IN THE NEXT ROUND. MENDELEVICH RESPONDED THAT HE WAS IN A POSITION TO PROCEED ALONG THE SAME LINES.

ON THE SUBJECT OF REGIONAL APPROACHES AND THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS, MENDELEVICH ATTEMPTED AT FIRST TO CONDITION THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON THE ACCEPTABILITY AND CONCRETENESS OF OUR PROPOSALS. AFTER SOME ONE-ON-ONE HAGGLING, HE BACKED OFF. WE AGREED THAT I WOULD PRESENT THE OUTLINES OF OUR REGIONAL APPROACH IN THE FIRST PLENARY AND IN A HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND THAT THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUP WOULD HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING THIS FRIDAY.

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MENDELEVICH SOFT-PEDALLED HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEIGHBORS PROPOSAL. HE ASKED ONLY THAT IT BE DISCUSSED IN A HEAD OF DELEGATION MEETING NEXT WEEK. I WAS NON-COMMITAL IN RESPONSE.

MENDELEVICH STRESSED THE NEED FOR INVOLVING OTHER SUPPLIERS IN OUR DELIBERATIONS, IMPLYING THAT THE NEXT

ROUND SHOULD BE A MULTI-LATERAL ONE. I SAID WE WOULD BE
HAPPY TO HEAR HIS THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. FYI. WHILE
WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN COOPERATION BY OTHER SUPPLIERS,
I INTEND TO MAKE HIM DO THE PRESSING ON THIS ISSUE.

FINALLY, I UNDERLINED THAT WE WERE NOT PREPARED
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON POLITICAL/LEGAL CRITERIA UNLESS
AGREEMENT ALSO COULD BE REACHED ON MILITARY/TECHNICAL
CRITERIA. MENDELEVICH DID NOT COMMENT.

GENERAL GALKIN, BARRY BLECHMAN, AND INTERPRETERS WERE
ALSO PRESENT.
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